WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A method of treating a neurotic disorder, said method comprising administration of a
 pharmaceutically effective amount of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable
 salt thereof to a patient in need thereof.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically effective amount of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is in a unit dose form.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 1.0 to 50 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 5 to 40 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 5. The method of claim 2, wherein the unit dose contains 10 to 20 mg/day of escitalopram or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is generalized anxiety disorder.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is social anxiety disorder.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is post traumatic stress disorder.
- The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is obsessive compulsive disorder.
- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is panic attacks.
- 11. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is panic disorder.
- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is specific phobias.
- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is social phobia.
- 14. The method of claim 1, wherein said neurotic disorder is agoraphobia.